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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification, page 1, line 3, amend "U.S. Patent No. *, ***, ***, issued *****, *****" to read -- U.S. Patent No. 6,017,378, issued January 25, 2000" --.

Remarks

The amendment to the specification requested by the Examiner has only been partially made. At line 7 of page 1, the reissue number and reissue date of U.S. Patent No. 5,632,791 is not yet available, but is anticipated to be available soon. It is undersigned counsel's understanding from Joseph Narcavage in the Petitions Office that the reissue application was passed to publication on or about March 7, 2001. As soon as the reissue number and reissue date are available, undersigned counsel will so advise the Examiner in charge of this case.

The claims presented for examination have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Brunner U.S. Patent No. 5,964,909. The rejection is specifically traversed.